Free Treatment to the Poor by Private Hospitals

1911. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what arc the terms and conditions, including provision of land facilities, given to the private sector to open hospitals in the country, particularly in the capital;

(b) the number of private hospitals set up in the capital during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether his Ministry is aware that private hospitals are violating the condition of providing free treatment to the poor sections of society; if so, the details of action taken against the arring hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAI): (a) 'Health' is a State subject under the Constitution of India. Therefore, State Governments determine the terms and conditions and other facilities to be given to the private sector for opening hospitals. In Delhi, hospital sites arc allotted by Delhi Development Authority to Registered Societies on the recommendations of Government of NCT of Delhi.

(b) Delhi Development Authority has informed that during the last three years, land has been allotted to 18 Registered Socieites for construction of hospital buildings in the Capital as per details given below:—

1995-96 : 8

1996-97 : 5

1997-98 : 5

(c) If any complaint is received by Delhi Development Authority about non compliance of any of the condition by such hospital action) is initiated as per rules against the society to whom the land has been allotted. The State Governments are required to check whether these conditions arc being met by private hospitals/nursing homes.

Action Plan for T.B.

1912. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether T.B. is one of the dreaded disease, an Action Plan in respect of which figured in the National Health Plan;

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has ,been drawn to a report in the Indian Express of November 16, 1997 that Government of NCT of Delhi had reported to Delhi High Court that it was not responsible for TB patients, passing the responsibility to Municipal Corporation of Delhi; and

(c) what is the responsibility of a State Government for implementation of various national health schemes in their respective territories, including containing and curbing the spread of deadly diseses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAI): (a) TB is a serious but curable disease provided timely, complete and proper treatment is taken.

(b) the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has been implementing the Natioal TB Control Programme in Delhi ever since its inception in 1962. The Revised National TB Programme (RNTCP) is now being implemented in Delhi by the Government of NCT of Delhi through 102 DOTs/Microscopy Centres under 14 TB Chest clinics in association with Municipal Corporation of Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Committee and NGOs. Government of NCT of Delhi is getting 100% grant from the Government of lndia tor implementing RNTCP.

(c) Monitoring and supervision of Implementation of RNTCP is the responsibility of the State Government. RNTCP is being implemented through State/District TB Societies.